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COMMUNIST PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT

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1. EVENING JANUARY 16, FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISOR  
GOTTLIEB PASSED ON TO ME PRIME MINISTER JORGENSEN'S  
REACTIONS TO SECRETARY'S CONCERN AND POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES WHICH WOULD ATTEND THE COMING TO POWER OF THE  
COMMUNISTS IN A NATO MEMBER COUNTRY.

2. FIRST AND FOREMOST, JORGENSEN WANTS THE  
SECRETARY TO KNOW THAT HE SHARES THE PHILOSOPHICAL  
RATIONALE ON WHICH OPPOSITION TO COMMUNISTS ENTRY INTO  
GOVERNMENTS IS BASED. HE AGREES THAT IF "FREEDOM AND  
PEACE IN THE WESTERN WORLD IS TO CONTINUE, A BALANCE OF  
POWER MUST BE PRESERVED." INTRODUCING COMMUNISTS IN  
EUROPEAN NATO GOVERNMENTS WOULD THREATEN TO UPSET THIS  
BALANCE.

3. WHILE THE PRIME MINISTER DID NOT ADDRESS HIMSELF TO THE SPECIFIC PROBLEMS OF SPAIN AND PORTUGAL,  
HE SAID THAT IN ITALY, "IT MAY BE IMPOSSIBLE TO KEEP  
OUT THE COMMUNISTS." HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE DOES NOT

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ADVOCATE COMMUNIST PARTICIPATION IN ITALY, BUT NOTED

THAT THE STRENGTH OF THE PCI IS "LARGELY RESULT OF THE INEPTNESS AND CORRUPTION OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS." HE FEELS, THEREFORE, THAT IN THE PRESENT ITALIAN CRISIS, MOST INITIATIVES TO KEEP COMMUNISTS OUT MUST COME FROM CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS INSTEAD OF FROM THE PSI. JORGENSEN ALSO SHARES THE SECRETARY'S SKEPTICISM ABOUT THE REAL AIMS OF THE PCI. HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT "AMIABLE MOUTHINGS BY BERLINGUER SHOULD BE TAKEN AT FACE VALUE."

4. FINALLY, JORGENSEN WANTS THE SECRETARY TO KNOW THAT THE HELSINGOR CONFERENCE WILL FOCUS PRINCIPALLY ON ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND COPING WITH UNEMPLOYMENT WHICH WILL PROBABLY LIMIT DISCUSSION OF PORTUGAL, SPAIN AND ITALY.  
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